

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-3 and 7-8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 13-16 as shown in the Listing of Claims below. Please amend the claims as shown in the Listing of Claims. This Listing of Claims will replace prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An information processing method for editing input data, comprising:

an obtaining step of obtaining, from metadata of the data, event information indicating a theme of two scenes sandwiching a position for a transition clip among all scenes in the data and/or object information indicating objects existing in the two scenes;

~~a selecting step of selecting a transition clip used for adding a transition effect to the data based on the metadata; and~~

an extracting step of extracting, based on the obtained event information and/or the obtained object information, at least one transition clip from among a plurality of transition clips stored in advance;

a determining step of determining a transition clip to be inserted into the position being sandwiched between the two scenes based on the extracted at least one transition clip; and

a processing step of adding a transition effect to the data by using the transition clip determined at the determining step.

2-3 (canceled)

4. (currently amended) An information processing method according to

~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the extracting step comprises a correlation judging step of judging a step of extracting a plurality of potential transition clips corresponding to a transition effect associated with the correlation between the event information and/or object information of metadata included in two scenes sandwiching a position for a transition clip among all scenes in the data, and extracting at least one transition clip corresponding to a transition effect associated with the correlation judged at the correlation judging step.

5. (currently amended) An information processing method according to ~~Claim 2~~ Claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises:

a displaying step of displaying the plurality of extracted potential at least one transition clips clip extracted at the extracting step; and

a receiving step of receiving an instruction to specify specifying an arbitrary transition clip from among the displayed potential the at least one transition clips clip displayed at the displaying step,

whereby wherein the specified transition clip specified at the receiving step is determined as a an optimal transition clip to be inserted into the position being sandwiched between the two scenes.

6. (currently amended) An information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~selecting~~ extracting step comprises:

an extracting step of extracting, based on the event information and/or the object information of the two scenes sandwiching the position for the transition clip, at least one transition clips clip which are is unsuitable for adding as a transition clip effect to be inserted into the position being sandwiched between the two scenes the data from among transition clips stored in advance; and

a determining step of determining a transition clip to be inserted into the position being sandwiched between the two scenes, from among transition clips stored in advance other than an optimal transition clip using the extracted unsuitable transition clips.

7-8 (canceled)

9. (currently amended) An information processing method according to Claim 6, wherein the determining step comprises:

a displaying step of displaying a plurality of ~~potential~~ transition clips stored in advance;

a receiving step of receiving an instruction to specifying ~~specify~~ an arbitrary transition clip from among the displayed ~~potential~~ transition clips stored in advance; and

~~a~~ an error displaying step of displaying an error message when the ~~specified~~ transition clip specified at the receiving step is ~~an~~ the unsuitable transition clip extracted in the extracting step.

10. (currently amended) An information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~selecting~~ extracting step comprises: ~~a~~ a calculating step of calculating suitability of each transition clip stored in advance, as a transition clip to be inserted into the position being sandwiched between the two scenes; ~~and for frames to be edited in the data;~~

wherein the determination step comprises:

a displaying step of displaying the at least one transition ~~clips~~ clip extracted at the extracting step in decreasing order of suitability calculated at the

calculating step; and

a receiving step of receiving an instruction to of specifying specify an arbitrary transition clip from ~~among the~~ at least one displayed transition clips displayed at the displaying step.

11. (currently amended) An information processor for editing input data, comprising:

an obtaining means for obtaining unit adapted to obtain, from metadata of the data, event information indicating a theme of two scenes sandwiching a position for a transition clip among all scenes in the data and/or object information indicating objects existing in the two scenes;

~~selecting means for selecting a transition clip used for adding a transition effect to the data based on the metadata; and~~

an extracting unit adapted to extract, based on the obtained event information and/or the obtained object information, at least one transition clip from among a plurality of transition clips stored in advance;

a determining unit adapted to determine a transition clip to be inserted into the position being sandwiched between the two scenes based on the extracted at least one transition clip; and

a processing means for adding unit adapted to add a transition effect to the data by using the transition clip determined by the determining unit.

12. (currently amended) A storage medium storing a control program for allowing a computer to realize the information processing method according to any one of Claims 1, 4 to 6, 9 to 10 and 13 to 16.

13. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 1, wherein the extracting step comprises;

- a correlation obtaining step of obtaining correlation of the two scenes based on the event information and/or the object information obtained at the obtaining step;
- an impression and/or effect obtaining step of obtaining a first impression and/or effect information indicating an impression and/or an effect meant to be given to an audience by the transition clip to be inserted between the two scenes having the correlation, the first impression and/or effect corresponding to the correlation obtained at the correlation obtaining step and; and
- a transition clip extracting step of extracting at least one transition clip from among transition clips stored in advance, by comparing a second impression and/or effect information associated with a transition clip and the first impression and/or effect information obtained at the impression and/or effect obtaining step.

14. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 13, wherein the correlation obtaining step obtains the correlation between the two scenes from a correlation storage unit storing in advance correlation between each event information and/or each object information.

15. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 13, wherein the impression and/or effect information obtaining step obtains the first impression and/or effect information from the impression and/or effect storage unit storing, in an associated manner, the correlation between the two scenes sandwiching the transition clip and the impression and/or effect meant to be given to an audience by the transition clip to be inserted between the two scenes having the correlation.

16. (new) An information processing method according to Claim 13, wherein the second impression and/or effect information is associated with the

transition clip by an additional information storage unit storing information on impression and/or effect meant to be given to the audience by each transition clip.